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For: **Imaging Apparatus and
Capture Assist Mark Usage
Control Method
(As Amended)**

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Sir:

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. JP 4-127780
2. JP 11-218820 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,873,007.
3. JP 2002-290785 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0140711.
4. JP 2002-290786 - This document corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0140711.

An English-language abstract of the documents is enclosed.

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		JP 04-127780	04-28-1992	SONY CORP		Abstract
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		JP 2002-290785	10-04-2002	ALPS ELECTRIC CO LTD		Abstract
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